TRAINING FOR NFIRS Software Version 5.3.4

The Tennessee Fire Marshal's Office can provide TFIRS training in small groups or through the Tennessee Fire Service and Codes Enforcement Academy. But there are several user-friendly self-training tools available as well.

1. Go to www.nfirs.fema.gov/users .   Look for a heading on the left titled User Section. For training on the software, click on the link titled Tutorial. There are three PowerPoint presentations. You may download these files or open them online.

2. At the same website, look for the heading Related Topics (it's on the left). Click on USFA NFIRS 5.0 User Documentation. This link will take you to a manual for the Data Entry Tool (DET).

3. At the same website, look for the heading Related Topics (it's on the left). Click on Incident Types/Module Rules. Then click on the link Reference Guides. Near the bottom of the page is a link for the NFIRS 5.0 Quick Reference Guide (QRG). The QRG has long definitions for each coded field and other helpful tips.

4. Paper forms corresponding to each data entry screen are available. You may want to use Version 5 paper forms for local data collection. You can print a paper copy of each form and make photocopies as needed. On the same website as above, look for the link called Design Documentation. Click on this link and look for another link called NFIRS 5.0 Paper Forms.

 5. A web-based reporting tool for output reports that summarize your activity is also available. Go to www.nfirs.fema.gov/webtools .
 Click on Summary Output Reports Tool (SORT). Look for the Documentation link on the left. Double-click to download a manual for the SORT.